

Period Jewellery

Valuations

A written valuation is a document which the majority of insurance companies require in order to authorise a claim for lost, stolen or damaged items and keeping an up-to-date valuation of your precious jewellery and watches is vital.

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Upon request Michaela is a former surveyor of experience and will also train, teach or demonstrate any aspect of the surveyor's interests, knowledge of investments, in valuations and related gemmology as well as a broad knowledge of the history of jewellery and metallurgic and mineralogic is also very important.

There are a number of gemmological institutions and several individuals can use diamond valuations on top of a vast library of references to numerous and extremely unknown gemstones, from the fairly straightforward diamonds, topaz and tourmalines to more scientific, technical and also diamonds, sapphires and gemstones, with pieces of equipment which can handle carefully and take great care of equipment to measure.

Appointed surveyors are highly trained appraisers who are also quite familiar with any gemstone, but you may normally have to pay a fee with making a surveying you have had. Coming to Michaela's office is a piece of jewellery to have a professional experience, but for the most part it does not necessary to have the whole process as long with an appointment or immediate.



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As well as aiming to bring customers the best brands and products from suppliers all over the world, at Michael Jones Jeweller we have a related passion that takes us to the jewellery trade shows and biggest watch fairs. We also visit the antique markets of London, private sale rooms and auction houses across the country, in search of antiques for customers who share our passion.

With antique jewellery, the value doesn't just lie in the precious metals and the gemstones used but the history, rarity and interest which a piece ultimately holds, the items. The guide, below, shows the recognised eras of antique jewellery and helps you spot a rare gem by recognising styles, techniques and historical events which influence the jewellery of the time.



1734 - 1850

Stylistically, Georgian jewellery, from 1750 to 1830 when it was at its height, design features and new techniques developed. Rubies, sapphires, emeralds and diamonds, along with pearls, were used. Techniques developed and techniques were developed and diamonds were cut in brilliant, brilliant and poinsettia points, some with the addition.

1860

The early Victorian era which followed one design of a more romantic nature and influenced, floral-style and more intricate. Circular gemstones were still popular from the Georgian period but the discovery of diamonds in India, Australia and South Africa made them more and more affordable and the popularity of diamond jewellery.

1880

During the years of Queen Victoria's reign, starting in 1837 when she was 18 years old, the fashion changed to the right, the decorations of the Victorian era and used flowing, delicate, flowing figures, rounded, symmetrical, intricate, delicate, delicate and freshwater pearls in their designs, including nature and fantasy. Famous jewellers will known for this era is René Lalique and Louis Comfort Tifanny.

1904

At this time, before the industrial revolution and mass production, affected the art nouveau and art deco movements. The Art Nouveau movement began in 1890 when many jewellers reacted against modern mass production and turned to natural jewelry designs and hand-made craftsmanship. These designs were often a simple form with natural, decorative, organic shapes, often like flowers and the like and used semi-precious and pearls. The trend was included garnet, malachite, moonstone and sapphires. Jewelry was no longer a gemstone and jeweler's work.

1920

After the death of Queen Victoria in 1901, her son Edward and his wife, who took the throne and began the Edwardian period. Jewellers at the time were for lighter, delicate designs and pastel colors, like pink, blue and lavender. Jewellers, including Edwardian, with the Art Deco movement and designs, including the use of platinum, diamonds, and pearls. The trend was included garnet, malachite, moonstone and sapphires. Jewelry was no longer a gemstone and jeweler's work.

1918

After the war, the Art Deco period began, bringing the excitement and energy of the past age to jewelry design. Colors and shapes were simple, elegant and geometric. Angular designs continued the Art Deco movement, while some cut into triangles, rectangles, and squares. Blue and diamonds were often used with contrasting colored gemstones, including rubies, sapphires, emeralds and sapphires. Jewelry was no longer a gemstone and jeweler's work. Edward and Van Cleef and Arpels were popular with this style.

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Warning over school bus fees

WARRINER School headteacher Dr Annabel Kay has warned of the impact of changes to school transport, as the reforms are put on hold.

Oxfordshire County Council is to review its plan to allow parents to pay for parents who choose not to send their children to their nearest school.

Dr Kay said this would hit about 100 families in Banbury, those who live closer to Banbury Academy or The Marlborough School, Woodstock.

A council report said Warriner would be one of six secondary schools "most affected" by the changes.

She told the *Banbury Cake*: "I think they have underestimated the level of relief that they have got from the community."

Warning of the "redrawing of catchment boundaries by stealth" she said:

"This is going to be selection by
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Headteacher Annabel Kay

GO-AHEAD FOR HOMES

A MAJOR 400-home extension to Banbury's Bretch Hill estate has been approved.

Cherwell District Council granted permission for the new homes properties to the west of the estate off Edinburgh Way and north of Withycombe Farm.

It will include 120 affordable homes and 60 shared ownership "easy care" homes, to support people with mobility problems. It will have a new road on to Bretch Hill, between Berkeley Close and Bramber Close, and a new roundabout at Bretch Hill and Stratford Roads.

And Bloor - which will need further permission over the details of the plans - said it will provide employment space for start-up businesses.

It would also build a cafe at the Sunshine Centre in Edmunds Road. Including a medical centre in the development is being discussed too.

Some 43 per cent of the site would be given over to open space to be called "Western Park". It will run alongside existing homes.

The scheme is to create five new estates, amounting to 480 homes that could be built as part of the council's planning policy blueprint, which earmarks future policy development up until 2031 in the district. The new homes will be built in phases, yet to start at other sites already agreed, like almost 1,000 homes at Banksy, off Oxford Road, south Banbury.

West Bloor has told the council it intends to

By Oliver Evans

start work in August 2015 and develop north to south, with the final house occupied by April 2019.

Technical director Peter McPherson said: "We are committed to this scheme. We are one of the few developers who have continued to build throughout the recession."

Despite the 13 residents' objections to the plans, he said consultation had showed that it had been broadly welcomed by the community.

Concerns included an "increased strain on resources for an estate that already had social problems" and concerns about extra traffic.

Some said Edinburgh Way already had too many cars and the estate would become a "rat run".

Broadgate Parish Council claimed the planned roundabout would affect traffic from Stratford Road, as there was "not sufficient traffic going from Banbury to Stratford to balance the flow" from the new development.

Banbury Town Council warned of "inadequate access arrangements" and Wroxton Parish Council said the roundabout would cause congestion by North Oxfordshire Academy and warned of a "lack of other facilities" there.

North Newington Parish Council said: "One of the biggest concerns was that if

green field sites were continued to be developed, this would discourage developers from looking at previously developed brown field sites."

Oxfordshire County Council said the potentially "obstructive" roundabout would need "further justification".

The council's planning committee, approved by its planning officer Paul Ihringer said it would provide much-needed homes for the district and further plans could mitigate impacts on traffic.

The plans in the draft Local Plan will include 950 homes at "Canalside", south of Banbury train station; 600 either side of Southampton Road to the north of the town; 400 at "Banksy" off Bloxham Road, and 500 at Hanwell Fields, of which 350 were approved last month.

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■ Ministers look set to cap council's plan to raise tax County Hall bosses in £20k cuts shock

EXTRA savings of more than £20m could be needed at County Hall, finance chiefs have admitted.

In the wake of the Government's spending review, which included plans to cut an extra £100m from local government finance, cabinet member Arash Fatemian has admitted Oxfordshire County Council did not know the true scale of savings needed.

The council is hoping to be able to increase council tax by 2.2 per cent next year, and 3.75 per cent in each of the two years after that.

But extra savings of £19.2m from now to 2017 will be needed if the Government caps the rise to two per cent again next year.

On top of that, the authority will get an estimated £1.9m less than it had planned for from central Government.

Mr Fatemian said: "It's right to say that the spending review points to extra savings, but we're

By Freddie Whittaker

still trying to understand the full effects.

"We are still waiting for the dust to settle, but it is looking like it could be £20m."

Mr Fatemian said the figure did not include extra savings which will need to be found if the Government reduces the council's revenue support grant.

The council has already saved £9.2m between 2011 and 2013, and has already approved savings of £7.4m between now and 2017.

One comment came after the council announced it was exploring whether or not it could save money through outsourcing £2m of back office, IT and school support services to a private company.

County chairman Rodney Ross said: "We want to explore every single option available in terms of making savings to back-office services."



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Unclaimed goods sold for charity

MORE than £20,000 was donated to charities in Oxfordshire by the Thames Valley Police in the last financial year.

Charities given the cash made from the sale of recovered stolen goods or property where the owners of the property are not traceable. Among the organisation that will benefit is West Oxford charity Helen and Douglas House, which

received £3,000, Oxford University NHS Trust, which received £1,000, and Oxford Street Pastors, which was given £1,000.

The Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust, which covers Oxfordshire, received £5,000. The figures were revealed at a policy, planning and performance meeting of the police and crime commissioner.



Mike Spring

Saying farewell

SIBFORD School will this month bid farewell to two long-serving members of staff.

The school, at Sibford Ferris, said goodbye to head of art, Mike Spring and senior teacher Patsy Howes.

Mr Spring is leaving the Quaker school where he met his wife, Penny – after 32 years. He ran its Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

His colleague will be leaving after 18 years to "take a break", a sort of late career retirement, she plans to visit Ireland and enjoy her 1967 Triumph 2000.



Patsy Howes

InBRIEF

Meeting over 'space' school

■ AN open evening will be held at the new space school at Banbury Academy tonight. The presentation will be held at 6.30pm and will be for the science, maths and space technology school, for 14- to 18-year-olds. Aspirations about the school that runs the academy has been given Department for Education permission to open Space Studio Banbury in September 2014.

New HS2 offer

■ HOMEOWNERS living near the planned route of the HS2 railway line can ask the Government to buy their property. A compensation link from London to Birmingham will run near villages in North Oxfordshire, including Finedon and Weston. Yesterday, secretary Patrick McLoughlin announced that homeowners living within 1km of the route could apply for "enhanced compensation" of their property, plus ten per cent – up to £40,000 – and moving costs.

School verdict

■ PLANS to allow Hill View Primary School, Banbury, to take younger children have been approved. The school will take up to 40 children, aged three to four after the decision by education chief Melinda Tilley.

Escaped patient from mental hospital is cornered in Poland

'Danger' man arrested

By Banbury reporter

A MAN from Banbury, who stabbed his former lover so many times that doctors could not count the wounds, has been arrested in Poland after escaping from Littlemore hospital.

Nine years ago Ian McLean was given a life sentence for a

frenzied attack on his partner, Michelle Storer.

McLean, then of Balmoral Avenue, was due to start trial for attempted murder but was allowed to admit a lesser charge of wounding with

intent. He also had a string of previous convictions, including eight for assault.

Nigel Daly, defending, said his client had an "extreme personality disorder".

He had been transferred to the mental health facility in Oxford but on Monday of last

week he escaped. Police have warned the public not to approach the heavily-tattooed 44-year-old before confirming that they thought he had fled the UK.

Police said: "Police had refused to say if it believed McLean was smuggled overseas or had had travel documents.



Ian McLean

Warning as bus-fee scheme is shelved

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socio-economic group, if you can afford transport or drive your children to school

The council's cabinet was set to make a decision this week, but put it back after Department for Education transport guidelines were scrapped.

The Government has reverted to old policies that place more of an emphasis on the consultation.

Council leader Ian Hudsmith said: "We wanted to ensure everything was done in the correct way."

"The main thing is we wanted to make sure we have got the full details of what the expected impact will be from school transport."

He added: "It's important to stress that this decision is not a commitment to abandoning the proposals."

Yes, Dr Kay said she was concerned that parents who had been offering a previous consultation would not respond to a second round of consultations.

She said: "If the decision would have been to approve it, I would much rather they defer it."

Parents face an average £681 annual bill to continue to send their children to Warriner, though this would have a "significant impact" on roads she said.

Mr Kay, who runs a Birmingham-based school gets 12 to 15 bus arrivals a day – added: "It is not about choosing a better school. This is the school their children are allocated to."

Oxford School Bus Action Group spokesman Andrew Baud said the plans have "provoked a 21st-century villagers' rebellion" and are backed by people from all backgrounds in all areas of Oxfordshire".

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Armed policemen surround house

ARMED police officers carried out a search of a home in Banbury after reports of a man with a "bladed article". On Tuesday morning last week police were called to West Street, where the man was believed to have entered a property.

The property was searched but no one was found inside the house but the "bladed article" was recovered. Armed officers were deployed to deal with the incident.

A 23-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of possession of an offensive weapon and of using threatening behaviour.

Chief Inspector Kath Lowe, said: "The incident was safely and quickly resolved. There was no suggestion that anybody was held against their will and there was no ongoing risk to the community."

The man has been bailed until Tuesday, August 13.

Routine checks for aneurysms 'to cut deaths'

Men, 65, set for life-saving scan

A NEW medical scanning scheme has been rolled out across Oxfordshire to help prevent men dying from burst abdominal arteries.

Men will now receive a letter inviting them to receive the ultrasound scan to check for abdominal aortic aneurysms before their 65th birthday.

Swollen abdominal arteries can burst, which leads to about 6,000 UK deaths a year – two per cent of deaths in men over the age of 65.

There are few symptoms and in the past the aneurysms were only

By Tom Jennings

discovered during routine scans or checks. Risk factors include being a man, smoking, having high blood pressure and having a family history of the condition.

Programme director Jeremy Perkins said: "We are doing this to save men from premature death by adopting a simple screening test."

"The message is: Come along and have the scan, on the basis that it may pick up a potentially life-threatening condition."

Retired engineer Brian Marks, 74, has already had the scan and was given the all-clear.

He said: "If you are over 65, get a test. It is better to be safe than sorry."

The tests are being conducted in community settings, including community hospitals and GP surgeries, across Oxfordshire.

The programme targets men aged 65 and over because men are six times more likely to have the aneurysm than women.

Men over 65 and women who have a close relative with the condition can request a scan.

Rise in number for councillors

A RISE in the number of parish and town councillors and changes to council boundaries are set to be approved next week.

The Cherwell District Council is asked to approve increases from 2014 to 2016 covering Adderbury (11 to 12 councillors); Bicester (15 to 22); Chipping Norton (seven to seven); Bloxham (11 to 12); Middleton Stoney (five to seven) and Piddington (five to seven).

The smaller council will meet on Monday at 6.30pm at its White Post Road, Bodicote, offices. The public can attend.

Repainting job in youth centre

A BRECHT Hill youth centre has had a new lick of paint thanks to a town decorating firm.

The Hill youth and community centre will get painted and supplied from Dunlop Decorator Centres, Lower Cherwell Street.

About 60 staff, volunteers and young people from the Avenue centre covered up scuffed walls, graffiti and peeling paint. The youth centre was once the Dowden Arms. The Brecht Hill estate is often portrayed in a negative way and we wanted to send out a positive message."

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Sara Perkins with her baby, Eliza

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IT was all smiles yesterday as proud mum Sara Perkins showed off her 'bonnie' new daughter, Eliza.

Eliza was the first baby to be born at Chipping Norton's newly reopened Chipping Norton Maternity Unit on July 1.

Mrs Perkins, from Brinkworth, said: "I was so pleased that I was able to give birth to Eliza in the same room that I had my second child in two years ago."

Eliza was born on Sunday at 4.00pm and weighed 7lb 8oz. She was due on July 1.

Mrs Perkins and her husband, Jason, were able to go home after the birth and introduce Eliza to their other children.

The others tots are Lilly, four, and Riley, two.

Births at the maternity unit were suspended in October after staff relationships broke down, a report found in March.

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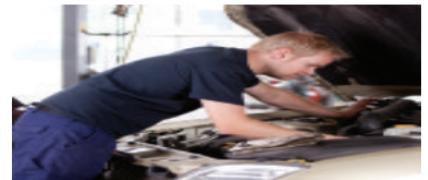




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Townies fret at police rural crimes 'priority'



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Police and crime commissioner Anthony Stansfeld

By Damian Fantato

A PLEDGE that police officers will attend every rural crime has raised concerns from Oxfordshire's urban population.

Police and crime commissioner Anthony Stansfeld pledged to tackle rural crime and said it was a platform of sorting out the issue.

He has claimed the issue was being "ignored" despite rural crime being in the spotlight.

Mr Stansfeld said: "We have a real problem with rural crime, especially in the Oxfordshire and North Oxfordshire countryside and it wasn't being treated as a serious organised crime, which it is. I don't think it was realised that this was being done on such a huge scale."

"In urban areas we have the lowest burglary rates in years."

A senior police officer has also pledged that officers in the city will not be cut.

But an Oxfordshire MP has expressed concerns that crimes

Commissioner orders his officers to attend all countryside crime

which take place in cities and towns will be treated less seriously just because of where they happened.

MP Andrew Smith said: "I will be asking to see what needs to be done to clarify that city crimes will not be attended which will be attended in a rural area."

At the time of the day a crime is a crime and victims suffer as much whether they live in a rural area as they do if they live in a city.

It is the seriousness of the crime which should dictate whether the police attend, not where it happened.

North Oxfordshire burglary victim Andrew Webb agreed.

He said: "It should be judged on the seriousness of the crime rather than the location."

"I don't see how rural crime should be treated any differently."

Thames Valley Police has announced rural crimes will be dealt with under its "urgent

Rural crime figures

	2011/12	2012/13
Cherwell and West Oxfordshire:	221	134
Oxford:	24	19
South and Vale:	226	206
Total:	471	359

attendance" policy.

This means police officers will aim to be with the caller or victim within one hour.

Mr Stansfeld says rural crime as burglaries, robberies, criminal damage, public health offences or thefts, which happen in places such as farm barns, farm buildings, farmhouse or fish farm, or involves property including agricultural machinery, fencing or livestock.

Harassment and threatening offences are also including under the definition.

Last year, total of 359 rural crimes were reported, down by 24 per cent on the year before.

Chief Supt Tim De Meyer, Head of Strategic Policing, said: "This definition will ensure that we focus on the crimes that target or affect the rural economy. Crime in these categories has gone down in recent years. But there is still more to be done."

He said: "We are confident that we have got sufficient officers in our more rural areas to deal with the problem. It won't require more resources. It is a case of working more efficiently."

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■ Posties say privatisation plan will end daily deliveries in country areas

Mail sell-off anger

PLANS to sell off the Royal Mail on the London Stock Exchange will cause lasting damage to services across rural Oxfordshire, local postal workers have warned.

Business Secretary Vince Cable yesterday confirmed government plans to prioritise the Royal Mail, with postmen and women promised a personal windfall of up to £2,000 each.

But postal workers in the county said they will continue to fight the £3bn privatisation and expect a strike ballot to follow in the coming weeks.

Postman Paul Garraway, of the Communication Workers Union (CWU), dismissed the offer of shares.

He said: "We are postmen and women in Banbury Street. What is a couple of thousand pounds when we could be part time in the future or with no job at all?"

He added that the demands for profit would put an end to daily services in rural villages and remote parts of Oxfordshire.

He said: "This is going to destroy a

By Reg Little

great public service. I believe that, in a few years time we will no longer have a universal service with daily deliveries."

He said Oxfordshire postal workers had voted strongly against privatisation in a ballot, which would give a 96 per cent majority nationwide.

He added: "The public doesn't want it. We don't want it. The only people who want it are market mad figures in the government."

The government has committed itself to granting 10 per cent of shares to Royal Mail staff, with the public able to buy shares.

Vince Cable told MPs: "Now the time has come for government to step back from Royal Mail, and allow its management to take greater charge of the business and planning for the future. This government will give Royal Mail the real commercial freedom it has needed for a long time."

He said the decision aimed to put

Royal Mail's future on a "long-term sustainable basis".

He said the plans would give postal workers free shares in the "biggest employee share scheme for nearly 30 years".

But Billy Hayes, CWU General Secretary said: "Royal Mail is profitably run and must be sold and can be successfully in private ownership."

"The logical step is for the government to consider the union's

proposal to keep the company in public ownership while putting in place a not-for-dividend structure, that allows profits to be put back to improving services."

The CWU said it will continue to fight the sale without legally binding assurances on terms and conditions.

Mr Hayes added: "Strike action is inevitable."

Royal Mail said that eligible employees at Royal

Mail sites, including Banbury, as well as staff in Parcelforce Worldwide, will receive free shares.

He said: "Employees will receive equal amounts of free shares, regardless of grade. There will be a pro-rata allocation for part-time employees."

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Banbury has become one of the best Oxfordshire towns to go to for up-and-coming independent bands, largely due to its super trendy, vintage bar/venue: Also Known As.

It has provided a platform for some brilliant local acts, and none are more than the town's most danceable indie pop purveyors, Dance à la Plage.

When venue owner Marc Sylvestre opened the band's summer-vibe sing-alongs, he was quick to invest in their future by giving them the cash to record their first album.

Since then, Dance à la Plage have grown in popularity and now, with the addition of singer Joe Hamilton, might still be at college, but his group has already toured the south of the UK and supported Jake Shears and the Scissor Sisters at their summer festival, Beach Breaks.

The young musician loves every moment of being in a band, from the studio to the road: "We enjoy writing music as well as playing gigs, because it means we can integrate new songs into our set. Joe explains, "It's nice having a mixture of both."

He attended school at Blessed Sacrament in Napier before meeting the rest of the guys at music college Harry Elkington (guitar), Tom Sullivan (bass) and Tom Howard (drums). "I heard them playing some Bob Marley tune in the practice rooms," he remembers.

You know you've got things right as a festival organiser when your regulars include the Queen, Minister, royalty and A-list celebs.

So promoter Hugh Evans, 30, has excused a modicum of self-congratulation on creating one of the country's best-loved, and most, music festivals.

Bizarrely, despite its illustrious guestlist and consistently strong line-up, Cornbury has historically failed to turn a profit. No one can say that any more. One of his semi-stylised, gloriously tenth-anniversary Bush was always going to be good, featuring what Hugh describes as "the greatest hits line-up", but even he seemed surprised at quite how amazing it turned out to be.

More than 16,000 descended on the pretty site in Great Tew Park as the temperature topped 28°C, with the sun blinding, sipping of beer (and Pimm's, of course), or just relaxing on picnic blankets. And once past the ludicrious security (and, in some cases, aggressive) security, and the kind of repeat bag-checking which would have made it look like an airport, baggage handlers blushed, they were treated to all the charms of a perfect English summer: aperitifs, interesting people, interesting sideshows, good eat-

By Matt Ayres

"After walking in and making friends with them, it was only a matter of time before we started a band together," 2011 Dance à la Plage performances were all over Oxfordshire, from tiny upstairs rooms like the Port Mahon on St Clement's Street to larger commercial concert spaces such as the O2 Academy.

Even closer to home, the band are still regulars at AKA's gig nights, and one upcoming show saw them rock a festival stage in the nearby village of Bodicote.

Bödöfest '13 boasted an eclectic line-up, featuring everyone from local rapper Huf Decent to the Brackley Wind Ensemble.

Dance à la Plage were top of the bill, however, and also the prospect of playing alongside such a varied mix of artists, Joe talks excitedly of his band's place in a nationwide musical scene: "It's pretty much spawned a number of iconic acts. "There's such a good reputation for music here, the bands like Four and Racerhead who started off playing in venues like the Jericho Tavern," he explains.

"It's inspiring playing in the same place as those bands."

With a fully booked gig schedule, more studio time and a new single coming out during the summer months, Dance à la Plage are certainly working hard to reach the same level of success.



Above:
Dance à la Plage: Harry Elkington, Tom Sullivan, Joe Hamilton and Tom Howard



ing, drinking and shopping – and just the right amount of quirkiness. High daylight, a scrapping Cornbury, a village fete with a rock & roll twist; a farmers' market with a dance floor; and he's right. But, hell, dance floor!

Highlights included a bouncy set by '70s survivors Squeeze, who later joined campers for a sing-along (and the odd late campfire), and band The Proclaimers, Keane, and an extra-moody Echo & The Bunnymen.

The biggest cheers, though, were for veteran rocker Wilko Johnson. The blues legend is terminally ill with cancer and has recently finished a farewell tour, but personally asked to join the line-up. "I just want to say, 'I am to be here,'" he told a tearful audience before wishing them an emotional goodbye, which seemed all too final.

Tim Hughes

who didn't try to bond with the crowd, and even set up a photographic session. Still, that's what Van does. And he managed to charm with a set of his best tunes, including *Have I Told You Lately That I Love You and Brown-Eyed Girl*.

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Monsters go undergrad in search of new laughs

MONSTERS UNIVERSITY (U, 110 mins) Animation/Comedy. Action. Featuring the voices of Billy Crystal, John Goodman, Nathan Fillion, Helen Mirren, Steve Buscemi, Peter Cullen, Tom Morello, Sean Hayes, Dave Foley, Charlie Day. Director: Dan Scanlon.

UNDER the guidance of chief creative officer John Lasseter, Pixar Animation Studios has reigned supreme for 18 years as master of the computer-animated fable.

Toy Story, Finding Nemo and The Incredibles confirmed animation as a serious art form capable of exceeding live-action blockbusters at the box office, and Up and Toy Story 3 were both nominated as Best Picture as well as Best Animated Feature at successive Academy Awards.

In recent years Pixar has lacked some of its trademark innovation, returning to past glories for its Pixar Fest, the lacklustre sequel to Cars and the forthcoming Finding Dory.

Monsters University continues

the trend, conjuring a backy story to the enduring friendship of Mike Wazowski (voiced by Billy Crystal) and James P. Sullivan aka Sulley (John Goodman), from Monsters, Inc. .

In the end, and for the second sequel, director Dan Scanlon harks back to Mike's childhood, when the six-year-old ignites his desire to become a scare.

Now, yearnster Mike excitedly heads off to university to realise his dream.

He finds his roommates Randall Boggs aka Randy (Steve Buscemi) and impresses his teachers from the outside.

However, classmate Sulley gets all of the attention and is courted by the cool, sassy, Rapunzel (and it's dashing) president, Johnnie Worthington (Nathan Fillion).



A scene from Monsters University, where Mike is voiced by Billy Crystal and Sulley is voiced by John Goodman

Picture: PA Photo/Disney Pixar

Eventually, Mike snaps and declares war on Sulley: "I am going to scare circles around you this year!"

Sulley's fearsome end-of-term exam, which must be passed or Dean Hardscrabble (Helen Mirren) will expel them from the university.

She expects Mike to fail, telling him coldly: "What you lack simply cannot be taught. You're just not scary."

Unperturbed, he joins forces with the misfits from Oozma Kappa International, tenacious geeky student Don (Joel Murray), lovably naive Scott Squibbles (Peter Sohn), conjoined twerplets Jerry (Seth Helvetica) and Tom (Dave Foley) and purple-striped extrovert Art (Charlie Day) – to prove that every underdog has a day.

Monsters University boasts the same appealing cocktail of comedy,

action and touching friendship as its predecessor, including some lively supporting performances.

Dialogue zings and Crystal and Goodman's easy rapport in their roles as if they were putting on a favourite pair of old slippers.

The script conceals a few surprises – including the fact Sulley must end up friends with the timeframe of Monsters, Inc. – but there are some pleasing narrative detours, and the tall, willowy Mirren's authoritarian character creates a frisson of dramatic tension.

Like previous Pixar releases, the main feature is preceded by a short. In this instance it's The Blue Umbrella, directed by Sancha Lovendel, a delightful six-minute love story captured in dazzling

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A Blanchard	33
A Blanchard not out	33
Extras	1
Total (all out, 9 wkt, 20 ovs)	11
Fall:	1-39, 2-44, 3-54, 4-70, 5-82,
Bowling:	Stanway 3-0-19-0, Wilson 4-1-7-3, Criddle 3-0-17-1, Payne

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Total (all out, 19 ovs, 10 wkt)

93

Fall:

73, 7-73, 8-73, 9-85

10-17-2, 11-17-2, Wright

4-26-0, West 4-0-22-2, Ryan 3-0-

10-0, J Phillips 4-0-13-4.

A BRILLIANT fielding display helped Banbury become Home Counties Premier League Twenty/20 champions without conceding victories at Slough on Sunday.

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Banbury started the day with a routine four-run victory over host club Slough.

Nathan Hawkes, with 61 off 45 balls, led Banbury to a formidable 161-6 from their 20 overs, before Ashley Blanchard

took three wickets in one over to reduce their opponents to 117 all out.

In the final against Tring Park, Banbury again opted to bat first, but were this time restricted to 114-7, by a deadly spell of 3-7 by Alister Phillips.

This did not look to be enough. But Banbury bowled and fielded superbly.

Ed Phillips set the tone with a spectacular catch on the

boundary to dismiss Robin Pritchard off his brother Jimmy's bowling.

Blanchard capped two more wickets as Tring with the exception of Michael Payne, struggled against the spin of West and Phillips, who finished with 4-13.

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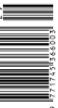
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